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ABSTRACT

This paper presents an annotated list of 60 links to Rhetoric and Composition program resources on the World Wide Web. This listing of college-level writing programs in the United States in 1997 includes graduate departments in Rhetoric and the Teaching of Writing, as well as Composition programs which teach expository writing to undergraduates. It also includes a partial list of writing across the curriculum programs and annotations of related resource lists. Programs which focus exclusively on Technical Writing and Communications or Creative Writing are not included. (RS)

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1. Composition, Rhetoric, and Writing Program and Department Home Pages
2. Writing Across the Curriculum Programs (a partial list)
3. Related Lists
4. Credits
5. R.S.V.P.

We originally compiled these links in summer 1996 as part of a research project to locate and assess Rhetoric and Composition program resources on the World Wide Web. This more-or-less exhaustive listing of college-level writing programs in the United States in 1997 includes graduate departments in Rhetoric and the Teaching of Writing, as well as Composition programs which teach expository writing to undergraduates. Programs which focus exclusively on Technical Writing and Communications or Creative Writing are not included.

1. Composition, Rhetoric, and Writing Program and Department Home Pages

Arizona: Rhetoric, Composition, and the Teaching of English
Basic information about this graduate program in the English Department, including a mission statement and relevant links.

Arkansas--Little Rock: Department of Rhetoric and Writing
The home page has a simple table with links to the Faculty, First Year Composition, Major in Professional and Technical Writing, Minor in Writing, M.A. in Technical and Expository Writing, and the University Writing Center.

Brigham Young: English Composition Office
Designed for graduate student instructors, this page includes links to sample assignments for standard course.

California--Berkeley: College Writing Program
A valuable collection of links to CHORUS, TESL-EJ, and other research sites as well as to local resources (a new OWL) and program information. Includes a "Name that text" quiz.

California--Davis: English Composition Program
A subpage of the English department site, this page contains no real information, but only links to the Campus Writing Center, the program's publication, Writing on the Edge, and the campus's Learning Skills Center.

California--Humboldt State U, Arcata :
English Department offers an MA in English with an emphasis on the teaching of writing, rhetoric and composition.

California--Irvine: Composition Program
The institutional home of the Compendium, the program at UCI offers more than 300 classes each year in introductory and advanced expository and argumentative writing.

California--Santa Barbara: Writing Courses
Information about courses and instructors.

Creighton: Composition Program
Creighton has a dedicated webserver for composition classes. Many of the links from the home page are to external resources.

Florida: Networked Writing Environment
Although not strictly speaking a composition program, the NWE initiative is dedicated to college-level writing instruction.

Georgia Tech: Rhetoric Resources
Extensive resources in classical rhetoric and modern rhetorical theory, for undergraduate students in rhetoric in the School of Literature, Communication and Culture. Uses frames for navigation.

Georgia: Freshman English Handbook
Extensive manual including grading rubrics, course texts, policies, award-winning student essays, information on plagiarism, and suggested vocabulary terms to know for English 101 and 102.

Hawai'i: Manoa Writing Program
This medium-sized site provides information for students about writing requirements, placement exams (including sample questions), as well as useful resources for teachers and students in the writing-intensive (WAC) courses at Hawai'i.

Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania: Rhetoric and Linguistics Homepage
Aimed at those interested in graduate studies. Basic information available, including lists of concentrations, recent courses taught, graduate deadlines, and faculty.

Kansas State: Expository Writing Program
Highlights include an extensive course-design manual for instructors and an overview of the theoretical principles guiding the program.

Marlboro College: Resources for Writing Seminars
A somewhat eclectic list of writing resources, including syllabi and student-oriented guides to using the Internet for research (including links to online paper-mills) and using word processors. Links to information on the college-wide Clear Writing Requirement, a portfolio-based assessment for all first-year students.

Maryland: Language, Rhetoric, and Writing
This brief "brochure" on graduate studies in these fields includes a list of faculty.

Massachusetts at Amherst: University Writing Program
Information about placement and curricula in both the First Year and Junior Year writing programs, as well as hiring policies and teaching resources. The Junior Year writing program follows the WAC model.

Michigan at Dearborn: Writing Courses
This unlinked page contains only brief catalog descriptions of Composition courses offered separately from the English and Communications departments.

Michigan Technological University: Rhetoric and Technical Communication Program
Basic information on degree requirements for both the M.S. and Ph.D. The online Policies and Procedures Manual presents extensive information on program expectations and support, student projects and progress, and the faculty interests.

Minnesota: Department of Rhetoric
The home page includes a sound file welcome message from the department chair. Faculty information is available both in summary form and in something like CV format. Links to the home pages of staff, as well as graduate and undergraduate students.

Minnesota: Program in Composition and Communication
One of the finest full-service composition Web sites available. The breadth and depth of the site give users access to literally thousands of pages of useful information about writing, both created locally and collected in lists of hundreds of related Web sites.

MIT: Writing and Humanistic Studies
This program offers courses in exposition and rhetoric, creative writing, and science and technical writing. The site includes links to basic material about faculty, classes, and requirements, as well as information about the writing center and the monthly poetry readings.

University of New Hampshire: Ph.D. Program in Composition Studies
A well-established Ph.D. program in English with a specialization in Composition Studies.

North Texas: Programs in Writing
Brief descriptions of courses in technical writing, creative writing, composition and rhetoric, and expository writing.

Northern Illinois: Freshman English Program
The menu links to pages on approved textbooks, educational goals, exit criteria, plagiarism, and non-discriminatory language.

Northwest Missouri: Composition
This site includes links to faculty home pages and the Northwest Writing Center. All the other pages are compilations of external online resources for students, such as search engines, quotation guides, and dictionaries. The program is affiliated with the Epiphany Project.

Ohio State: Computers in Composition and Literature Program
Offers computer-supported courses in writing and literature as part of the English Department. Particularly useful are the pages on rationales for computer-assisted instruction and those on plans for research and development.

Oklahoma's Agora
A "fugitive marketplace" for Composition/Rhetoric/Literacy, constructed in collaboration with OU's School of Library and Information Studies, the Agora houses several lists of resources in the field.

Oregon's WORD: Writing Online Resource Directory
This extensive and well-designed site includes information for graduate instructors as well as students.

Pennsylvania State University
The Penn State English Department's graduate program in rhetoric and composition has recently been identified as one of the five best in *Lingua Franca's 1997 Real Guide to Grad School*

University of Pennsylvania: The Writing Program
Penn's newly restructured writing program combines the resources of Writing Across the University (or WATU), the English Writing Program, The Writing Center, and The Writing Advisors. The site features information on courses past and present, as well as a 24-hour online writing advice service.

Pittsburgh: Composition Program
A one-paragraph description of the program's intellectual interests and ambitions within the larger structure of the English Department.

Portland State: Writing Program
The site gives information about writing courses, courses in composition and rhetoric, writing-intensive courses, the Writing Center, the Writing Program Newsletter, their writing instructors, and the composition and rhetoric faculty.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Language, Literature, & Communication
Extensive resources for students and prospective students, divided into these categories: Academic Programs, Course Offerings, Funding Sources, Faculty Overview, Resources & Services, Student Career Assistance, Alumni Career Profiles, Current Students.

Rutgers--New Brunswick: The Writing Program
This brief page is framed as a personal message from the director of the Program, which serves 11,000 students a year. His first person message includes numerical data on the average course evaluations in the program, with the assurance that the courses are difficult but effective. It is accompanied by a large snapshot of the director. The page is part of a larger English Dept. site.

Southern California: Expository Writing Program
USC's "Expo" includes an extensive online program manual, resources for students and instructors (including annotated sample papers), and an online writing lab.

Southern Illinois Univ.-Carbondale: Rhetoric and Composition
A subsite of the English Dept, but stands on its own. Scant content but attractive. Scrolling welcome msg. at bottom of the page. Links to brief descriptions of grad courses and faculty.

Southern Indiana: Rhetoric and Composition Program
Included here are course descriptions and objectives for English 100, 101, and 201, sample syllabi and essay assignments, a grading rubric, and information on placement and exit exams. The site was apparently designed by USI's Printing Services.

Syracuse: Writing Program
An extensive site: a generous compilation of writing-related, professional development resources, including teaching with technology, for TAs and other instructors; information about professional and peer writing consultation services, about Syracuse's Odyssey Project in writing assessment, and about a new doctoral degree program in Composition and Cultural Studies.

Texas A&M: Writing Programs
This sub-page of the English department site is aimed at undergraduate students and graduate student instructors. Links include syllabi, policies and procedure, graduate award and employment opportunities, and an extensive, site-specific how-to guide for teaching with the World Wide Web.

Texas Tech: Rhetoric Information
The composition program has a TA handbook online, which includes procedures and policies, plus extensive information on grading criteria (e.g., which top 20 errors "count" in deciding whether the grammar is acceptable or not) and sample section policy sheets (particularly useful for newer instructors).

Texas: Division of Rhetoric and Composition
Includes extensive links to the Writing Center, the Computer Writing and Research Lab (over 3,000 student and faculty web pages online!), Faculty & Staff, Course Descriptions, Course Schedule, and Resources.

Trinity College (CT): Writing Program
This set of pages is a part of the larger Alan K. Smith Writing Center site and presents basic information about the college's comprehensive writing program, including general course descriptions and a list of writing associates.

Virginia Tech First-Year Writing Program
Links to syllabi and course policies, as well as a Student Guide to the Writing Program, which sets out its purposes and goals.

Wayne State
A number of computer intensive courses and a web page for the PhD program are available on the English Department site.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Rhetoric, Composition, and Professional Writing
A doctoral concentration of Milwaukee's English & Comparative Literature Department, this single long page includes a list of the faculty and basic

information on admissions, program requirements, the computer classroom, and more.

2. Writing Across the Curriculum Programs (a partial list)

California--Irvine: Upper-Division Writing Site
Juniors and seniors at UCI can choose to take their upper-division writing courses either within their majors or from the Composition Program. This site, designed and maintained by John Schwetman, provides information for instructors across campus considering offering such a course. It also includes an annotated list of other WAC sites.

Cornell: The John S. Knight Writing Program
Runs freshman writing seminars and WAC initiatives. The homepage includes links to staff email but no course pages.

Cortland: Writing Across the Curriculum Faculty Guide
Duke: Writing Across the University Program
Georgetown: WAC Program
Indiana's Campuswide Writing Program
Extensive writing-across-the-curriculum support for faculty, including handouts on minimal marking techniques, grading, and so on. Runs the writing center and consults with faculty.

Michigan: English Composition Board
Brief descriptions of what they do, but surprisingly no links to actual research. Faculty train TAs; research online literacies, distance ed.; host OWL; assess incoming student skills; oversee campuswide writing-intensive courses.

Missouri: Campus Writing Program
An umbrella program for writing courses across the campus.

Northern Illinois: WAC Home
Penn: Writing Across the University Homepage
WAC program's basic information about resources and services to students, teachers, and writing advisors. Scheduled to merge with the Freshman English Program and the Writing Center to become "The Writing Program" in 1996-97.

Richmond: Writing Center & WAC Program
Highlights include a page on the theory and practice of Writing Across the Curriculum and the Online Syllabus Resource, a meta-list of available lists of syllabi, developed as part of the Epiphany Project.

WAC Page
For a more extensive listing, refer to this compilation of other Writing Across the Curriculum pages, maintained by Larry Beason of Eastern Washington University.

3. Related Lists

These other useful resource lists provided inspiration for this compendium.

Annotated List of English Departments
Marist University's Tom Goldpaugh maintains this excellent, though not fully comprehensive, listing.

Free-standing Writing Programs List
Barry Maid of the University of Arkansas maintains this list, which is neither hyperlinked nor annotated.

Maine's List of Writing Centers
The University of Maine Writing Center has put together a slightly different, but also quite comprehensive, list of other writing centers.

Writing Centers
The National Writing Centers Association maintains this nearly exhaustive list.

Linguistics in the U.S.
David Roberts has compiled this list of linguistic programs.

4. Credits

This collection was compiled by Lisa Haefele, on behalf of the UCI Composition Program, which is headed by John Hollowell, Campus Writing Director. The research for this page is part of a project funded by a UCI instructional improvement grant awarded to Ellen Strenski, Assistant Writing Director.

5. R.S.V.P.

Please send us additions, corrections, or comments. [Note: annotations were current at the time we visited; undoubtedly, many sites will have been updated by the time you visit. We plan to add more sites as we find them, but may no longer be able to annotate new links.]

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Our presentation at the Thirteenth (1997) Computers & Writing conference, "The Pragmatics and Politics of Designing Writing Program Web Sites," provides a comparative and collective analysis of Composition's rhetorical self-presentation as a discipline on the Web based on the sites compiled here.